

Columbia City Council  
Pre-Council Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2009 – 5:45 p.m.  
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building

Council members present: Mayor Hindman, Paul Sturtz, Chris Janku, Karl Skala, Jerry Wade, Laura Nauser and Barbara Hoppe

Absent: None

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City Clerk Sheela Amin reviewed the appointment process for two new groups.

- Citizens Police Review Board – Council must appoint eight members. Forty-nine applications have been received, and background checks are being conducted. Each Council member will identify 15 applicants for potential interviews. The Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager will determine possible dates for interviews and notify Council members.
- Comprehensive Plan Task Force – Council must appoint 15 members. Eight applications have been received, so far. Council will hold off on interviews, for now.
- LAGERS – Council nominated Human Resources Director Margrace Buckler to represent the City of Columbia at the LAGERS annual meeting in October 2009.

City Manager Bill Watkins recommended and Council members agreed to add to items to the Council meeting agenda that evening.

- To the Consent agenda, Resolution R220-09, urging Congress to repeal the rescission of certain federal transportation funding.
- To the Reports agenda, Report (N), regarding \$260,000 in federal grant funds, through the Missouri Department of Transportation, for DWI enforcement.

### **Labor Group Presentation**

Representatives of Columbia Professional Firefighters, Local 1055; Water and Light Association; and Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 773 said that they respectfully disagreed with parts of the City Manager's FY 2010 personnel budget proposal. Instead of the Manager's proposal to change overtime pay policies and reduce the level at which excess sick leave is bought back from employees, labor representatives suggested a 1.2 percent across-the-board pay cut for all permanent employees. The groups do not disagree with eliminating service awards or the City's contribution to the post-employment health plan (PEHP).

Council members asked several questions that were answered by the labor representatives and City staff members.

The City Manager suggested that Council discuss the Columbia Energy Center and walk through the new City Hall addition at a future work session. He said that he planned to talk about proposed amendments during the public hearing on the FY 2010 budget that evening.

The pre-Council meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

